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1. Until 9 September 1950 the city of Bucharest was divided into four administrative districts called sectoare which were identified by the colors red, green, yellow and blue. Each district was administered by a body called the primarie; all four primarii de sectoare were under the jurisdiction of a central body called the Primaria Municipiului Bucuresti.
2. Following the reorganization of 9 September 1950, the four sectoare were replaced by eight raioane as follows: Raionul Lenin (the former Sectorul I Galben) with headquarters at 3 Strada Biserica Amzei; Raionul Niculae Balcescu; Raionul 1 Maiu with headquarters at 13 Strada Alexandru Sahia; Raionul Gheorghe Gheorghiu Dej with headquarters in the Giulesti area; Raionul Grivita Rosie (the former Sectorul 4 Verde) with headquarters on Piata Banu Manta; Raionul 23 August with headquarters at 92 Bulevardul Gh. Dimitrov; Raionul Tudor Vladimirescu and Raionul Stalin.
3. Each raion is administered by a People's Council (Sfat Popular). All eight raioane (People's Councils) are under the direct jurisdiction of the Central People's Council of the Capital (Sfatul Popular Central al Capitalei) which has its main office on the Bulevardul Republicii close to the former Piata Bratianu.
4. The Central People's Council of the Capital has direct control over the People's Councils of the Raioane, maintains direct liaison with the various departments, transmits instructions to the People's Councils of the Raioane, deals with the main repair works and construction in the city and decides on the execution of all the important demolition projects in the city.

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5. Each of the eight People's Councils is composed of one President, one Vice President and a number of representatives. The People's Council of the Raionul 23 August, for example, has 35 representatives. The representatives are elected by citizens residing in their raion from a list containing a larger number of candidates than seats available. The representatives are not paid. The President and the Vice President, who receive monthly salaries of 1,400 lei and 1,100 lei respectively, are elected from among the representatives by the representatives themselves. The Communist Party indicates the persons whom it wants elected to these positions. The People's Council convenes as a body twice monthly under the chairmanship of the President or, in his absence, under the chairmanship of the Vice President. Various problems concerning the administration of the raion, as well as instructions from the Government and the Central People's Council of the Capital, are debated by the Council during these meetings.
6. Besides the People's Council, each raion is also controlled by two other bodies:- the political Bureau (Biroul Politic) and the Trade Union Forum (Forul Sindical).
  - a. The Political Bureau is staffed by a President and an undetermined number of employees, all members of the Communist Party. This body advises the various offices of the People's Council on political matters or policy; passes on the hiring and licensing of personnel; organizes all voluntary works in the raion (demolition, street repairs); sponsors political parades, and lectures; and recruits and trains a corps of political propagandists and agitators who are active in behalf of the City Council.
  - b. The Trade Union Forum (Forul Sindical) is an organization which controls the employees unions, but which is under the direct supervision of the Political Bureau.
7. Each People's Council exercises control over the following departments or services (servicii):
  - a. Public Works Administration (Serviciul Gospodariilor Comunale). This department deals with the repair of roads and streets, municipal works within the area of the Raion, management of school buildings, and demolition of houses. It also has control over all works whose budget approval was acted upon by the People's Council.
    - (1) The department is headed by a chief architect assisted by one assistant architect (architect ajutor) and three field architects (arhitectii conducatori). The salaries of these employees vary from 800 lei monthly for the field architects to 900 lei monthly for the Chief Architects.
    - (2) The staff of the department also includes two field technicians who receive a monthly salary of 500 lei; one "plannificator" who receives a monthly salary of 400 lei; one chief reports writer (referent sef administrativ) who receives a monthly salary of 300 lei; an accountant who receives a monthly salary of 560 lei (but who, in addition, also works with other departments of the People's Council); and two women employees who receive a monthly salary of 400 lei and 560 lei respectively.
  - b. Bureau of Records (Serviciul Starii Civile). In this office are kept all records of births, marriages and deaths. A specially authorized official of the Bureau also performs civil marriages. Copies of certificates on record may be obtained upon written application. Access to the records is prohibited to unauthorized persons; only employees of the Bureau of Records or persons who have received special permission may search these records.

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- c. Department of Social Insurance (Serviciul Prevederilor Sociale). This department keeps all records pertaining to employees' pensions and fixes the pensions to be paid to those who have suffered injuries from work accidents (workmens' compensations).
- d. Health and Sanitation Department (Serviciul Sanitar). Each raion is divided into several medical districts which are under the control of the Health and Sanitation Department of the People's Council. The Raionul 23 August in Bucharest is subdivided into six such medical districts, each of which is responsible for the health of the population living in the area. Every citizen, whether he is working or not, is entitled to medical care. Until 1951 each medical district was also provided with a pharmacy which dispensed drugs prescribed by the district doctor at no charge. As of 1 January 1952, however, these pharmacies were disbanded. The Health and Sanitation Department is responsible also for the sanitary conditions in shops and restaurants within the area of the raion. The Department issues licenses for the operation of such businesses. Another important function of the department is its supervision of hospitals and "maternity houses" within the raion; in furtherance of this function, it acts as the liaison between the hospitals and the Ministry of Public Health.
- e. Finance Department (Serviciul Financiar). This Department receives all monies due the Government, City and Raion; controls all internal revenue offices within the raion limits; and pays out all sums which are due to the creditors of the various governmental agencies.
- f. Department of the Secretariat (Serviciul Secretariat). This Department is actually the Secretariat of the President, which keeps the records and the minutes of the meetings of the People's Council.
- g. Department of Local Administration (Serviciul Gospodariei Locale). This Department grants licenses for the opening of handicraft workshops and for the operation of small industry; issues ration cards for the procurement of fuel needed in the operation of workshops and industries; and grants licenses or franchises for the operation of taxicabs and trucks. The department is empowered to requisition taxicabs and trucks, wherever necessary, and to compel periodical examination of vehicles for mechanical defects which may endanger the public safety. Other functions of this department resemble those which were carried on by the old Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- h. The Commerical Department (Serviciul Comercial). This department, which has replaced the old Chamber of Commerce, controls private commerce within the raion limits and issues ration cards.
- i. Living Quarters Bureau (Serviciul Spatiului Locativ). A substitute for the old Renting Office (Oficiul de Inchiriere), this bureau keeps a current record of all houses and buildings within the raion limits. It keeps duplicate records (Cartea de Imobil) of all persons who live in a particular dwelling, and on the basis of these records, is able to assign living quarters to "entitled" persons. The department has the power also to reduce the "living space" of those who do not work.
- j. Department of the Administration of Buildings and Premises (Intreprinderea Locuinte si Localuri). This department operates and administers all nationalized buildings and properties which now belong to the City; and undertakes repair works upon prior approval of the Public Works Administration (see Paragraph 4a). It serves also as the official collector of all rents.
- k. The Department of Public Parks and Squares (Serviciul Parcuri si Gradini) is responsible for the upkeep of all public gardens and squares. Approximately 90 percent of the employees of the department are workers who are hired on a day to day basis.

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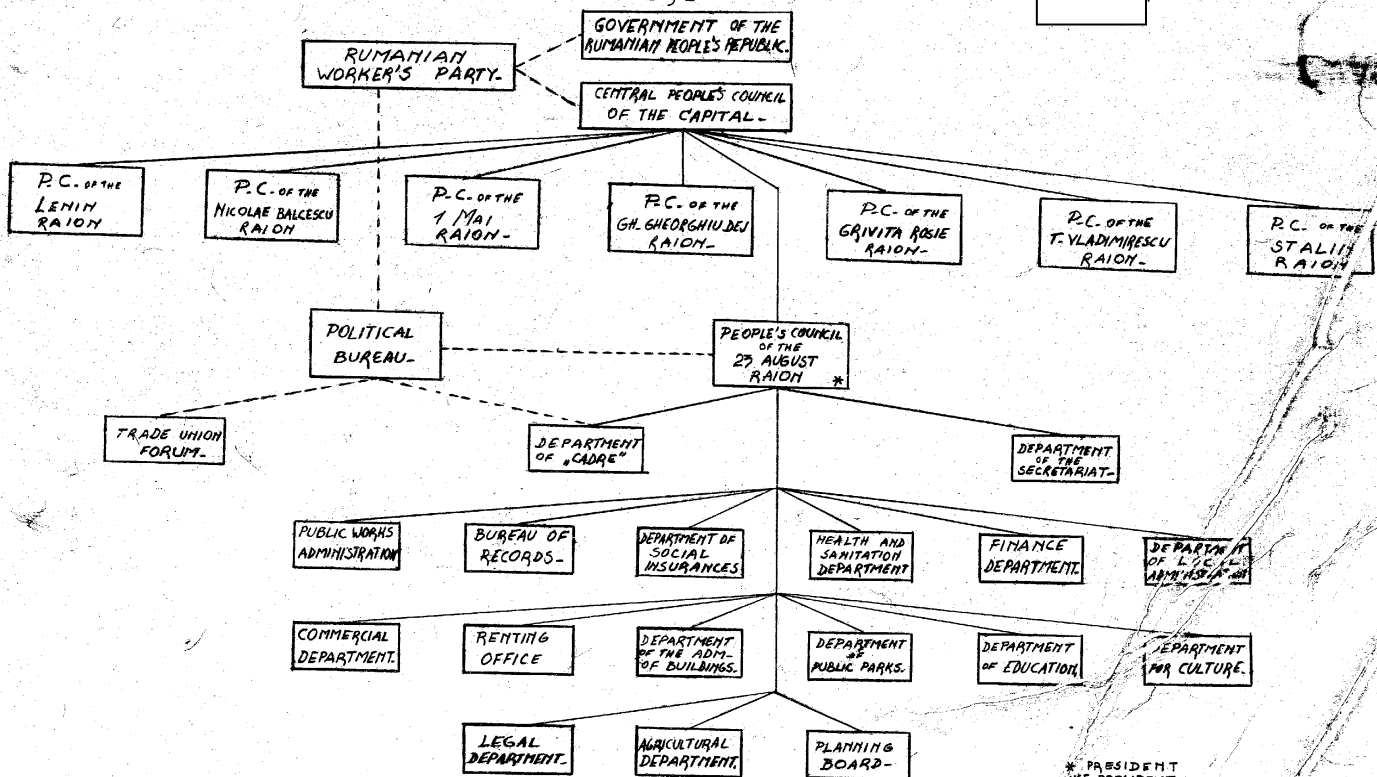
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- l. Department of Education (Serviciul de Educatie) administers all the schools within the raion limits and pays the teachers.
- m. Department for Culture (Serviciul Cultura) administers and operates all movie theatres and theatres belonging to the Raion People's Council, prepares and carries on all socialist demonstrations, and supervises the decoration (bunting, flags, etc.) of the raion streets on holidays and other occasions.
- n. The Legal Department (Serviciul Judiciar) deals with all legal matters in which the People's Council or its Departments are involved.
- o. The Agricultural Department (Serviciul Agricol) keeps a record of farm production, grants permission for the cultivation of all grounds within the raion limits, and maintains statistics on all animals which are bred within the raion limits.
- p. Cadre Department (Serviciul Cadre) is concerned with the employment and dismissal of all personnel, in accordance with the dictates of the Political Bureau.
- q. Planning Board (Serviciul Planificare). This department in coordination with the Central Council, drafts the yearly construction project plan of the Raion People's Council and estimates the budgetary expenditures required. All plans must conform to the overall five-year plan of the Government. The Planning Board also coordinates the building works with the various departments and acts as intermediary between the People's Councils and the various governmental departments for the procurement of the necessary materials.

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